MR. C. S. LAKSHMANAN PILLAI (*Ag. Public Service Commissioner*) Rs. 189,847.

Sylviculture in the State.

167. *SRY. T. NARAYANI AMMA (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the question of sylviculture has been taken up by the Forest Department in accordance with some definite plan ;

(*b*) if so, what that plan is ;

(*c*) whether that plan will include "Tree planting" on an organised basis, similar to the "Tree planting" operations carried on in some parts of the Madras Presidency ; and

(*d*) if the answer to (*c*) is in the negative, whether there is any agency to take up this work—with special reference to the propaganda side of it—in order that re-generation may keep pace with the large and indiscriminate felling down of Mango, Jack and other useful trees ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The plan is the conversion of comparatively valueless State forests into valuable teak plantations, where suitable ; and the exploitation of other areas in such a way as to improve natural regeneration of useful species.

(*c*) The plan includes "Tree planting" on an organised basis in "reserved forests." The "Tree planting" operations carried on in some parts of the Madras Presidency do not concern reserved forests but unreserved land and private property ; and the work done by the Forest Department in the State does not include such activities.

(*d*) No.

Staff of the office of the Public Service Commissioner.

168 *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the staff of the office of the Public Service Commissioner as it existed on 30-3-1116, showing the native place of each of its members ?

MR. C. S. LAKSHMANAN PILLAI : The statement is laid on the table.

MR. P. S. MUHAMED : പബ്ലിക്കുസർവീസ് കമ്മീഷണരുടെ ആഫിസ്സ്സ്റ്റാഫിൽ ഒരു മുസ്ലിംപോലും ഇല്ലാതിരിക്കുന്നതിനു വല്ല കാരണവുമുണ്ടോ?

MR. C. S. LAKSHMANAN PILLAI : ക്ലാർക്കായി ഒരു മുസ്ലിം ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. അയാളുടെ സ്വന്ത അപേക്ഷപ്രകാരം അയാളുടെ സ്ഥിരമായുണ്ടായിരുന്ന ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലേക്ക് അയച്ചു.

*Vide Appendix VI. Page 232.

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